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1. [redacted] 1952, source learned that all construction projects for the army were controlled by the Baunion Nordost, whose seat was Prenzlau. The construction project Nordost also involved the Baunionen Erfurt, Magdeburg, Halle and Leipzig and the Baumechanik Stralsund.
2. The Aufbauleitung (Management of Building Operations) Torgelow was in charge of all installations under construction in this actual area. The Baunion Nordost in Prenzlau was responsible for all administrative work. The actual Oberbauleiter (Chief Manager of Building Operations) for the entire construction project was Wasinski (fnu), as all other previous Oberbauleiter and Bauleiter (Managers of Building Operations) were reassigned.
3. At the time of observation, 7,000 to 8,000 workers were employed at the construction project Nordost. However, their number was to be increased in the spring of 1953, to 14,000 men including the workers needed for the construction of projected roads. The laborers were accommodated in wooden low buildings set up during the meantime. The women auxiliaries provided by the Dienst fuer Deutschland (DfD), who were employed previously, were discharged. According to an announcement, they would probably be redrafted in the spring of 1953. VPs were no longer employed.
4. In accordance with orders, the individual installations under construction were to have been completed by 21 December 1952. A number of roads were being surfaced. According to the building program, the construction of storage sheds, 300 meters long, will be started, in the spring of 1953, at each installation. The installations were under construction in the form of farms. They were previously believed to include low kitchen and mess buildings but each will comprise one dispensary and one low building with shower rooms. [redacted] Each barrack building was to include 28 rooms, which were to be occupied almost exclusively each by two officers and non-commissioned officers, and four bedrooms on each floor, which were to be occupied by a total of about 100 enlisted men. A relatively large number of standard-type buildings for high-ranking officers were also under construction at each farm.

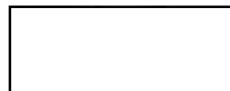
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5. The following survey of construction work completed in the individual sections were observed:

A 1: The section included one building complex (Hof ?) which was completed and occupied by a unit wearing blue service color and referred to as battery; and one dispensary and one low shower-room building not yet completed.

E 1: The section, which actually was the largest, extended over about 1,300 meters from the Eggesin-Karpin road as far as the Eggesin-Ahlbeck road. It consisted of six completed H8fe including three occupied by soldiers wearing black service color; and two others to be completed by 21 December 1952.

T 2: The section included four completed H8fe, two of which were occupied; and an unloading ramp and a tank storage area under construction, which only little progress had been made on.

T 1: The section included four completed H8fe, three of which were occupied; and two others to be completed by 21 December 1952.

T 3: The section included three H8fe, two of which were occupied.²

Two H8fe were completed at Prenzlau airfield. None of the standard-type buildings set up in each section were occupied. In accordance with official orders, the sections were no longer named after towns as previously, for instance Section E 1 after Karpin and Section T 2 after Droegeheide. Two H8fe which were still unoccupied, were constructed at the southern exit of Eggesin close to the old barracks installation.

6. According to previous information, Lieutenant Colonel Rochlitzer is in charge of all construction projects. He is a special staff officer of the army headquarters. All tanks were covered with canvas; they were not used. The guns were also covered with tarpaulins. The number of the motor vehicles stored was estimated at 800 to 1,000.³

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1. Comment. The so-called H8fe generally include two barracks buildings, one administration building and an unidentified number of secondary buildings, which will presumably be occupied by one unit.

- 25X1A 2. Comment. Two previous reports made statements on the pinpoint location of the building sites.

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- 25X1A 3. Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Johannes Rochlitzer is the officer in charge of the construction projects in the Torgelow-Eggesin area. The stored weapons and vehicles are not needed, for the time being, by the units whose activity is confined to basic training.

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